

**WEST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
MULTI-LATERAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

Purpose

The purpose of this program is to financially assist WAD fields, that have no or very few teachers or pastors with a bachelor's degree in their profession, in sponsoring well qualified, promising candidates to do a degree program in Theology/Religion, Education, Business (Accounting/Finance) or the equivalent in one of WAD three Universities in preparation for service in their sending fields. In case of teachers, consideration may be given to cases that require going through a teacher education programme, not necessarily run by the Church, before to proceeding to a WAD University.

Financial Modality

1. **Sending Field:** Will provide: 15% of 100% tuition and all miscellaneous charges as listed by the university
2. **Union:** Will pay: 15% of 100% tuition and all miscellaneous charges as listed by the university
3. **University:** Will grant: **a)** (30%) of 100% tuition and all miscellaneous charges; **b)** Provide campus work (minimum 20 hours a week) for the student.
4. **WAD Education Department:** Will provide transportation once to and from (after graduation) university of study (by the most direct and economic route); accommodation, feeding allowance, and 40% tuition and this will include all miscellaneous charges
5. **Student:** Will do campus work (minimum 20 hours a week) during study period, and literature evangelism during vacation period. These should be the sources of funds for expenses on textbooks, class assignments, as well as for family sustenance.
6. **Length of Study:** The student should complete his studies within 9 semesters. A student must demonstrate spiritual, missionary, as well as intellectual growth, as assessed by the university, in order to remain on the programme.

Note:

- a) This modality should be well explained to each candidate, and he must sign a sponsorship agreement with the sending field before the field votes to award him the scholarship.
- b) A candidate on this program must do work-study and is encouraged to do Literature Evangelism during Summer period.
- c) Each married candidate must have his wife living with him during his study.
- d) A candidate who benefits from this program must return to serve his local field that sent him immediately after graduation for at least 5 years. Each candidate must sign an

agreement with the sending field to accept this condition before benefiting from this scholarship program.

BENEFICIARIES

Countries that will benefit from this project are Benin (2), Burkina Faso (3), North Cameroon (3), Central Africa Republic (2), Chad (3), Cote d'Ivoire (3), Gambia (3), Northern Ghana (6), Guinea- Bissau (2), Guinea Conakry (3), Liberia (2), Mali (3), Mauritania (3), Niger (3), Northern Nigeria (6), Senegal (3), Sierra Leone (8), and Togo (2).

- **By 2015 : Each of the 18 Countries will have at least 2 additional educated pastors/teachers**

Outcomes of the Project

WAD Education Director and Ministerial Secretary will assess the success of this project through:

1. The quality of life (spiritual, mental, physical, and social) of the teachers and pastors who will benefit from it as evidence in their faithful service to God, the Adventist Church, and humanity at large.
2. The spread of the knowledge of the Adventist Church and her message in their communities of service.
3. The growth of Church membership in the various fields they will be serving.
4. Testimonies from the places they will serve.

Follow Up and Nurture

WAD Education and Ministerial Directors will be conducting professional development programmes for the beneficiaries of this project to ensure steady growth and maturity in personal as well as professional experience.

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